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Proposals of subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council requiring action by or the attention of the Council

I. Introduction

1. In annex I, paragraph 68, of its resolution 50/227, the General Assembly stated that the subsidiary bodies of the Council should identify in their reports their conclusions and recommendations, and the issues that might require attention and/or action by the Council. It also stated that the Secretariat should consolidate those issues in a single document for consideration and action.

2. Section II of the present document contains a list of those proposals from subsidiary bodies that require action by the Council or are brought to its attention. The full texts of the proposals are contained in the complete report of the relevant subsidiary body.

II. List of proposals requiring action by the Council or brought to its attention:

A. Functional commissions

1. Statistical Commission (see E/2002/24):

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

See decisions and recommendations of the Commission contained in E/2002/24, paras.5, 8,11,12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 71, 74, 77, 83, 86, 88, 91 and 93.

2. Commission on Population and Development (see E/2002/25 and Corr. 1):

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fifth session and provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolution:

- 2002/1. Reproductive rights and reproductive health, including human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

Decision:

- 2002/1 Documents considered by the Commission on Population and Development at its thirty-fifth session (see Corr.1)

3. Commission for Social Development (see E/2002/26):

Draft resolutions to be recommended by the Council for adoption by the General Assembly:

- I. Preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

Draft resolution for adoption by the Council:

- I. Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights
- II. Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Organizational matters [Adopted on 13 February 2002 – see decision 2002/210]
- II. Report of the commission for Social Development on its fortieth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-first session of the Commission

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolutions:

- 40/1. Integration of social and economic policy
- 40/2. Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

Decision:

- 40/101 Chairman's summary of the high-level panel discussion on the integration of social and economic policy

4. Commission on the Status of Women (see E/2002/27)

Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council:

- I. The situation of and assistance to Palestinian women
- II. Situation of women and girls in Afghanistan
- III. Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on thematic issues

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Election of the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women
- II. Communications concerning the status of women: communications procedure
- III. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-sixth session and provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolutions:

- 46/1. Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts
- 46/2. Women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)
- 46/3. Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Decisions:

- 46/101. Further organizational matters of the Commission on the Status of Women
- 46/102. Communications concerning the status of women
- 46/103. Documents considered by the Commission on the Status of Women under agenda items 3 and 4

5. Commission on Narcotic Drugs (see E/2002/28 and Corr.1):

Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council:

- I. Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs
- II. International assistance to the States most affected by the transit of drugs

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council:

- I. Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fifth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-sixth session of the Commission
- II. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolutions:

- 45/1. Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in the context of drug abuse
- 45/2. Enhanced measures for international cooperation in the control of illicit drugs
- 45/3. Efforts to reduce the impact of illicit drug demand on organized crime
- 45/4. Controlled delivery
- 45/5. Provisions regarding travelers under treatment with internationally controlled drugs

- 45/6. Measure to promote the exchange of information on new patterns of drug use and on substances consumed
- 45/7. Preparations for the ministerial-level segment of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, relating to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly
- 45/8. Control of cannabis in Africa
- 45/9. Connections between organized criminal groups trafficking in drugs and those involved in other types of illicit trafficking: special investigative techniques to counteract such criminality
- 45/10. Strengthening international cooperation in the control of opium poppy cultivation
- 45/11. Improving the exchange of electronic information among Member States and communication with international organizations
- 45/12. Diversion of precursors and prompt reporting to the competent authorities of the countries of origin and the countries of transit and the International Narcotics Control Board
- 45/13. Optimizing systems for collecting information and identifying the best practices to counter the demand for illicit drugs
- 45/14. The role of alternative development in drug control and development cooperation
- 45/15. Reducing demands for illicit drugs (see Corr.1)
- 45/16. Illicit drug supply and trafficking in Arab States
- 45/17. Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body.

6. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (see E/2002/30):

Draft resolutions to be recommended by the Council for adoption by the General Assembly:

- I. International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
- II. High-level political conference for the purpose of signing the United Nations convention against corruption
- III. Follow-up to the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century
- IV. Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council:

- I. Basic principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters
- II. Action to promote effective crime prevention
- III. Promoting effective measures to deal with the issues of missing children and sexual abuse or exploitation of children
- IV. United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

- V. International cooperation in the prevention, combating and elimination of kidnapping and in providing assistance for the victims
- VI. International cooperation, technical assistance and advisory services in crime prevention and criminal justice
- VII. Illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna
- VIII. Strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in preventing and combating terrorism

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eleventh session, provisional agenda and documentation for its twelfth session, and organization of work and themes for its future sessions
- II. Appointment of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolution:

- 11/1. Symposium entitled "Combating international terrorism: the contribution of the United Nations"

8. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (see E/2002/22)

No specific proposals for action by the Council

9. Commission on Human Rights (see E/2002/23 and E/2002/L.6 and Add.1)

Draft resolution for adoption by the Council:

Draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- 1. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
- 2. Human rights situation of Lebanese detainees in Israel
- 3. Assistance to Equatorial Guinea in the field of human rights
- 4. Situation of human rights in Burundi

5. Situation of human rights in parts of south-eastern Europe
6. Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
7. Situation of human rights in Iraq
8. Situation of human rights in the Sudan
9. Situation of human rights in Cuba
10. Situation of human rights in Afghanistan
11. Situation of human rights in Sierra Leone
12. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights
13. The right to food
14. Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights
15. Effects of structural adjustment policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights
16. Human rights and extreme poverty
17. The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (see programme budget implication contained in E/2002/L.6/Add.1)
18. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
19. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance
20. The right to freedom of opinion and expression
21. Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system
22. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
23. Human rights of persons with disabilities
24. Human rights of migrants
25. Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
26. Working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994

27. Situation of human rights in Myanmar
28. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (see programme budget implication contained in E/2002/L.6/Add.1)
29. The right to development
30. Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
31. Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights
32. Enhancement of the effectiveness of the working methods of the Commission
33. Rights of the child
34. Interaction between the secretariat of the procedure established pursuant to resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of the Economic and Social Council and the Division for the Advancement of Women
35. The Social Forum
36. Human rights and human responsibilities
37. Dates of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights
38. Expiration of office-holders' terms of appointment under special procedures
39. Intersessional activities of the Bureau
40. Organization of the work of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights
41. Electronic voting system
42. Situation of human rights in East Timor
43. Technical cooperation and the situation of human rights in Haiti

10. United Nations Forum on Forests (see E/2002/42)

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Date and venue of the third session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
- II. Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its second session and provisional agenda for its third session

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolutions:

- 2/1 Ministerial declaration and message from the United Nations Forum on

- 2/2 Forests to the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- 2/2 Implementation of the proposals of the IPF/IFF proposals for action and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests
- 2/3 Specific criteria for the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangements on forests

Decisions:

- 2/1 Format for voluntary reporting to the third session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
- 2/2 Intersessional work by ad hoc expert groups
- 2/3 Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

11. United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- 1. Establishment of a secretariat
- 2. Summary records of the Public Meetings of the Permanent Forum
- 3. Venue and date of next session of the Permanent Forum
- 4. Additional meetings

Matters for the attention by the Council:

Proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action

- B.1 Information Gathering from UN system
- B.2 Health
- B.3 Human Rights
- B.4 Economic and Social Development
- B.5 Education and Culture
- B.6 Environment
- B.7 Children and Youth
- B.8 Code of Conduct

B. Proposals from the regional commissions requiring action by the Council (See E/2002/15/Add.3)

1. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (E/2002/15/Add.3)

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

- Economic aspects of security in Europe
- Self-assessment of the ECE Secretariat
- Progress report on ECE technical assistance
- Preparation for and follow-up to world conferences
- Other business

2. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (E/2002/15/Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.1)

Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council:

- I. Restructuring the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolution:

58/4: Promoting an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based society for people with disabilities in the Asian and Pacific region in the twenty-first century

3. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (E/2002/15/Add.3)

Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council:

- I. Place and date of the next session

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolution:

595 (XXIX). Brasilia resolution on Globalization and development

4. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) (E/2002/15/Add.3)

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Resolution:

238(S-IV). Revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and revised programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2002-2003

C. Proposals from other subsidiary bodies requiring action by the Council

1. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2002 regular session (See E/2002/71 (Part I and II))

Draft decision for adoption by the Council:

- I. Application for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations
- II. Quadrennial reports, special reports and complaints
- III. Resumed 2002 session
- IV. Establishment of the general voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network
- V. Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2002 regular session

2. Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (E/2002/33)

Matters brought to the attention by the Council:

Aid Effectiveness: Focus on Africa

Human and Social Capabilities for Development in a knowledge-based Global Society

Review of the list of least developed countries

3. Tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2002/6)

No specific proposals for action for the Council

4. International Narcotics Control Board (E/INCB/2001/1)

No specific proposals for action for the Council

5. Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2002/70)

Matters brought to the attention of the Council:

(See paragraph 2 (a) to (g))